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There was the "Glorious Fourth," and surely never was a more glorious summer sky spread over the little New Hampshire village, nestled among the lofty mountains which separate northern New Hampshire from the Dominion of Canada. The sun shone with sparkling brilliancy which seems peculiar to those northern latitudes and the wind blew softly from the south, laden with the delicious odor of mountain bal-

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"All right," replied Tom eagerly.

"But where shall we go?"

"Let's climb old Baldtop."

"Hurrah!—that's the ideal! And say, Alec, let's take the giant firecrackers along and wake the echoes from the old peak."

"Good for you!" cried Alec. "That's just what we'll do."

It was early in the afternoon the boys started for Baldtop mountain. They were soon in the woods at the mountain's base, where the giant firs seemed to extend their arms in welcome and the pines to whisper friendly greetings. Both boys sang and whistled merrily. It was so pleasant to have a holiday in the grand old woods.

Soon the ascent began in earnest. There was no well defined path up the mountain, and Tom and Alec had to pick out their own course, drawing them selves up in the steepest places by means of the drooping limbs and protruding roots of the trees. Now and then they came to an open space and rested for a moment, viewing the beautiful scene spread out before them—hills stretching away on every side, clothed with green, while here and there in the Valley a little lake or pond nestled like a silver island in an emerald sea.

Finally they came to a dim footpath leading off to the left along a narrow ridge of land. Alec turned to Tom.

"Suppose you sit down here for a few minutes and wait for me," he said. "I want to see where this path goes to. Then, if I should get lost, your shouts will guide me back."

Tom was the less sturdy lad of the two and was glad enough of a chance to rest while his companion explored the mysterious path.

Alec had not gone far along the rocky ridge before the path turned sharply and plunged down through a dense clump of firs into a deep ravine. Alec scrambled down among the rocks. "This is getting rather interesting," he muttered to himself. I wonder what can have made this path. I'm going to follow it a little further any way."

Narrower and darker grew the pass and higher and steeper its sides as the boy advanced, until, suddenly rounding a large projecting rock, he found himself in the presence of four rough looking men seated about a campfire. In an instant, but too late for retreat, it flashed over him that this was the famous Smuggler's notch, a rocky mountain pass between northern New Hampshire and Canada, and that these rough characters before him were smugglers engaged in one of their secret expeditions between Canada and the States. He would have drawn back quickly out of sight, but the men had already seen him, and with a shout they surrounded him and made him their prisoner.

Meanwhile Tom was getting restless and somewhat anxious at Alec's prolonged absence. He began to shout with all the power of his lungs, but his voice died away in the silence, bringing no answer. "I am afraid something has happened to Alec," he thought. "I must go and hunt him up."

Taking the bunch of giant firecrackers in his hand, he started along the faint path. Finally he came to the place where the trail turned sharply into the ravine, and here his fears increased fourfold. What if Alec had fallen from the cliff, or been attacked by some animal in this deserted glen? Tom, however pushed on bravely, and rapidly, hoping every minute to overtake his friend or discover some sign that he had passed that way. A wedged between the gloom and silence of the great ravine, he had almost involuntarily ceased to shout, but his eyes scanned every inch of the pathway and overhanging rocks.

Suddenly he stopped, his heart beating like a trip hammer. The sound of loud gruff voices came to his ears, and then another, louder voice. Could it be Alec's? Creeping forward to the great rock which jutted across the path Tom slowly and carefully climbed up its sloping side and peeped over. Sure enough, there was Alec. Also in the midst of a group of fierce looking men who were talking and gesturing wildly. Tom took in the situation instantly. These men were smugglers whose hideout place Alec had unwittingly stumbled upon. And now they were debating what to do with him.

Tom grew weak and sick with dread as he reflected that perhaps the un-

scrupulous smugglers would kill his companion, on the ground that dead men and boys tell no tales. Some of them looked fierce and gestured so wildly that he was sure they must be advocating the most extreme measures. What could he do to save his friend? Return to the village and summon help? Ah, no! Help would only arrive too late. Should he rush out flinging himself upon the desperadoes in his companion's defense? That would be utter foolishness—one weak boy against a half dozen brawny men. Ah! A thought like an inspiration flushed over him—the giant firecrackers.

Cautiously he ranged them side by side on top of the rock. There were eight of the big cylinders in all. Then he lighted the fuses, one after another, and, sliding down into the path, ran back a few yards.

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As the loud report began to ring through the glen the smugglers, thinking that a whole detachment of Uncle Sam's revenue officers must be upon them, fled in the wildest confusion. Alec was left standing alone, with hands bound, near the scattered members of the campfire. Judge of his astonishment and delight when Tom burst into sight, shouting:

"You are going to take a trip," said he.

"Who told you?" said I.

"The paper, says he."

"Well," said I, "whose business is it?"

"I thought," he stammered, "that you would like an accident policy."

"Think again," quoth I. "This is no accident. It is the result of careful deliberation."

"You ought to have a policy to protect you on the trip," said he.

"Where do you think I'm going to ride; or the cowcatcher?" I replied.

"Certainly not," he said; "but the train—something may happen to the train."

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AN OFFICIAL ADDRESS.
TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS AND
OTHER CITIZENS OF THE STATE
OF DELAWARE.

Headquarters of the Republican State
Central Committee,

WILMINGTON, DEL., July 3d, 1896.

The Republican Party of Delaware, after years of determined and legitimate effort, finds itself on the eve of a great election, confronted by a divided and demoralized Democracy. Large numbers of our late opponents, disgusted at the attitude of their own party with respect to protection and honest money, stand ready to vote the Republican ticket. These men look to us for a new constitution, for reform and economy in State and County finance, for deliverance from our iniquitous assessment and collection laws, and for better conditions generally in our system of State and County Government. Overwhelming Republican success in Delaware in November is endangered solely by the utterly selfish ambition of an unscrupulous, treacherous and reckless man, who, unfortunately, has commanded the pecuniary means to gain a following for himself. At this juncture only one course is open for the party. It must absolutely maintain the high standard which has guided it in the past. Its conscience, its honor, its self-respect and the future of Republicanism in this State are at stake; for without the preservation of its conscience, its honor and its self-respect, the Republican Party cannot succeed. No compromise can be made with those who persist in setting personal gain and selfish ends above party honor and success. The integrity of the party in city, county and State must and shall be maintained. It must not be divided by personal faction. It can be the exclusive property of no one man. It must not be distracted by two rival organizations, each claiming to be supreme. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

The source of danger is the political course of John Edward Addicks in furtherance of his selfish ends. That he is no Republican and is unworthy to be considered as such, has been demonstrated by his own acts, as well as by the deliberate judgment of the supreme tribunal of the Republican Party of the nation.

There are thousands of true Republicans in this State who will not under any circumstances recognize Mr. Addicks as a Republican; much less will they countenance him in his political aspirations, or support any political organization or movement in his interest.

It is conceded that while professing to be a Republican he has at more than one election contributed substantial pecuniary aid to the Democratic Party; that he has conspired with Democrats and others to prevent the election of a Republican to the United States Senate, that he has used his personal and political influence in Washington to prevent the seating of the Republican Senator elected from Delaware; and that in reply to a distinguished Republican from another State he has openly asserted in substance, that if the Republican Party in Delaware fail to support him in his Senatorial aspirations, he would "help to bury it ten thousand fathoms deep."

These facts were fully considered and passed upon by the National Republican Committee; then by the Committee on Credentials of the National Republican Convention; and later by that Convention itself, with the result that each tribunal after full hearing repudiated his claims to Republicanism, and decided that he should have no place in a Republican Convention.

Under these circumstances the State Committee in issuing its call for a State Convention to nominate Presidential Electors and other candidates for office provided that "none shall be eligible for a delegate who is under political allegiance to any one who is in sympathy with the treachery which caused Delaware for the past year to be without full representation in the United States Senate;" it being the purpose of the Committee that no one who continues to justify and uphold Mr. Addicks should have any voice in the management of the Republican Party in Delaware. The Committee after careful consideration and a full consultation with leading Republicans from all portions of the State, have decided that the Addicks State Committee has no lawful existence and that none of its acts or overtures can be recognized.

The Committee, therefore, calls upon every Republican who wishes to uphold the honor and integrity of the party in this State to actively assist and co-operate in the selection of suitable delegates to the State Convention to be held at Georgetown on Thursday, July 16th.

JAMES H. WILSON,
Chairman,
HUGH C. BROWNE, Sec'y.

NOT SINCERE.
The State Central Committee of the Addicks Party met at Dover on Saturday last and issued a call for a State Convention to be held at Dover on Tuesday, July 14, two days before the convention of the Regulars at Georgetown, the primaries to be held on Saturday next, the same day and at the same hour with the Regulars.

In addition to their other work they put forth the following insincere manifesto:

"The Republican State Central Committee elected at the Convention held in Dover May 12, 1896, with a deep and patriotic solicitude for the success of the Republican Party in this State and in the nation, propose through their chairman the following arrangement: That without entering into the question as to the legality of preceding their primaries, the Regulars, each committee hold primaries and a convention, and that a committee of three be appointed by the respective bodies to select three electors, a congressman and a governor, the report of said convention to be endorsed by each convention respectively when assembled. The said conference to be held and decided not later than Thursday, July 2, 1896."

The proposition is not sincere for several reasons. It is not feasible. Had the anti-Addicks people proposed to nominate candidates for Governor and Representative in Congress and Presidential electors by a committee of six on four days notice and two weeks before the Convention the cry of "Boss rule" would have gone up from the Addicks camp, and very rightly. This is the "Boss rule" that Mr. Addicks himself offers and he could possibly guarantee that "his people," as he terms them, would ratify his choice, his dictation. But no one can speak for the Republican Party and Mr. Addicks knew this, hence the "compromise" offer. Why make the time limit of acceptance so brief? And why make the statement in the public press even before the day for final acceptance is made? No arrangement can be made? Mr. Addicks did this, and it is but another proof of his insincerity.

But the most convincing evidence was given at Georgetown on Tuesday when by command of Mr. Addicks Messrs. George E. Smith and J. E. Adams, members elect of the county committee from Little Creek hundred (Laurel) were turned down and out, were unseated, though they received at the primaries 64 votes to 13 for Messrs. Moore and Hearn, the men who displaced them. This was done that Dr. C. R. Layton might be made chairman of the Committee, which he was by a vote of 7 to 5 when several of the members withdrew, among them being Ex-Chairman Johnson of Cedar Creek hundred (Milford), one of the best political workers in the county. This shows that "the deep and patriotic solicitude for the success of the Republican Party" is not sincere or so great an outrage on the voters in Sussex would not have been perpetrated. Addicks wants but one thing: "Addicks or nobody." Let those follow him who will, unless their motives are mercenary they will regret it. The "Philadelphia Press" of Wednesday contains an article to the point, showing what Addicks seeks and why he should not obtain it. He may bring defeat but he cannot bring victory. The article is:

"It was the natural sequence of the action at St. Louis that ex-Senator Higgins and those Delaware Republicans who act with him should reject any overtures from J. Edward Addicks, which could only result in the recognition of Addicks as a Republican. That recognition is the thing which Addicks now wants more than any other thing in politics."

"The Republican National Convention by a most significant vote repudiated Addicks and Addicksism as not being what could be recognized as Republican. It was with the very best reason. That faction gave a most indisputable and startling evidence of a want of regard for the success of the party in the position it took in the last Senatorial election. Its leader made it very plain, though the Republicans had a majority in the Legislature, that no Republican should be chosen Senator. He repeatedly declared that Addicks must be defeated, and when he could not be, Addicks used his power to so complicate the election of a Republican that the party has been deprived of the services of a Senator from Delaware at a time when another Republican member of the Senate was most desirable."

This is not what a Republican would have done, and the National convention was unerring in its judgment when it put its stamp of condemnation on this action. Who is known as the biggest organization of the party, embracing the most respected and patriotic Republican element in Delaware, has been recognized by the national authority of the party. It will continue to be recognized as long as conscience and character are essential features of Republican organization, and when they are not Republican organization may not be worth maintaining. Addicks will keep his own organization, but it will be a different thing from that of the Republican party.

It would seem that these complications will lead to Republican defeat in the State. That is possible, but the Republican party can better afford defeat than to assume any responsibility for Addicksism. It will at least retain its honor and self-respect. We have no doubt that Addicks will defeat the party if he can, as he defeated it in the late Senatorial election. He will thereby increase the justification already sufficient—for his condemnation. He can no longer have the power to distract the party and obstruct Republican progress in Delaware."

Let the Republicans who are opposed to the "Addicks or nobody" policy of the "Addicks Party" get together in every hundred and voting precinct of the State next Saturday and under the call issued by Gen. James H. Wilson, Chairman of the State Committee and member of the National Republican Committee, select delegates to the Georgetown Convention to be held on Thursday, July 14. The presence of a committee man is not necessary. Choose a chairman and secretary, and name the delegates, giving them credentials. In Kent and Sussex counties the voters will probably select members of a new County Committee—the present committees in those counties having refused to act in harmony with the action of the National Convention at St. Louis.

What does it mean? We have it on the very best authority, from the lips of a delegate to the General Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, and a Republican at that, that the sessions sometimes were most disgusting to him, that he held his preserves in an above party feeling, and have often demonstrated that party ties availed nothing when the spoils of credit of our country is threatened.

MONEY GOOD AS THE BEST.

The currency of the United States and every kind or form of it, whether of paper, silver or gold, must be as good as the best in the world. It must not only be current at its full face value at home, but it must be counted at par in any and every commercial center of the globe. The sagacious and far-seeing policy of the great men who founded our government, the teachings and

TAXES! TAXES!

The State column will be found the summary of the assessment for New Castle county as made by the Levy Court, by hundreds. It is exceedingly interesting and may be studied with profit. It divides the assessable property, the white from the colored. The total white property and poll is \$55,577,132; negro property and poll \$2,050,078. The tax rate was fixed at 60 cents on the hundred dollars, 42 cents for poor, making the county tax \$242,059.68, and the poor tax \$46,106.55. The rate is the same as last year, but the assessed value is increased by nearly a million dollars.

On the property of colored people 30 cents extra on the hundred dollars has been assessed for school purposes, making \$6,168 for their schools. Under the present laws as interpreted by the tax collectors this sum is added to the poll taxes and must be paid before the tax receipt is forth coming, and not always then. The white men gets his tax receipt free, very often—if it proves "right."

It would be more interesting to know what per centage of this amount falls by the way side in cost of collecting, actual and created, and that creeps into the little channels which do not benefit the general public. Politics aside, it appears to us that our system of taxation is most expensive, too many fingers in the pie and all getting a slice. This is the time to demand a change through the new Constitution.

But this is not all the taxation, as people coming here from other States naturally suppose. There is the road tax; the school tax; the State license tax; the municipal tax. Putting these taxes together they are heavy, and it is a fair criticism that the people get very little for the money they pay. In addition to this the business people pay fees that the Court House officials may draw annual salaries of \$4,000, \$5,000, or \$10,000, and for a period of five years. This is wrong, but if the people let the politician and the lawyers manipulate their affairs as they have done in the past they will continue to pay them, and to pay an increase.

If the State or the county had a system of assessment and taxation, and of collecting, say semi-annual payments with rebates for early settlements, and with fair salaries to a sufficient clerical force to do the work we venture the prediction that 25 per cent. of this amount could and would be saved to the people. To save one-quarter of a million of dollars annually should attract the attention of the tax payers. And we believe this is true. Not that one-fourth of the tax now actually paid is squandered, but that the present losses in assessment, favored abuses to favor people and non-assessed polls, with extra cost of collection, etc., with the fees that should belong to the county treasury, more than make up the difference. This is no political view, but a common sense look into the matter of taxation. When delegates are nominated and elected to the Constitutional Convention no citizen should lose sight of these statements.

ELECTIONS are a necessity in our government. The bitter feelings with which many of the campaigns are conducted are not necessary. Much of it is due to ignorance. But the animosity between members of the same party, between factious, like family quarrels, is stronger than between those of the opposite party. This bitter feeling should not exist. Of course the truth must be told, and it is the truth that hurts, but even the truth can be told in a gentlemanly language. Men who always lose their tempers in talking politics should not talk. It is said that the differences between Republicans down the State have reached the point of breaking the personal friendly relations of years. This should not be. Nor should those of different parties let politics enter into their social and personal relations. Keep cool. The weather is hot and the summer is not far advanced. Keep cool.

NATIONAL CREDIT MUST BE UPHELD.

The income of the government, I repeat, should equal its necessary and proper expenditures. A failure to pursue this policy has compelled the government to borrow money in a time of peace, to sustain its credit and pay its daily expenses. This policy should be reversed, and that too, as speedily as possible. It must be apparent to all, regardless of past party ties or affiliations, that it is our paramount duty to provide adequate revenues for the expenditures of the government, economically and prudently administered. The Republican Party should again command the earnest encouragement of the government at Washington.

Public confidence must be restored

and the skill, the energy, and the capital of our country find ample employment at home, sustained, encouraged, and defended against the unequal competition and various disadvantages with which they are now confronted. The government of the United States must raise enough money to meet both its current expenses and increasing needs. Its revenues should be so raised as to protect the material interests of our people, with the lightest possible drain upon resources, and maintain that high standard of civilization which has distinguished our country far more than a century of its existence.

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The national credit, which has thus far fortunately resisted every assault upon it, must and will be upheld and strengthened. If sufficient revenues are provided for the support of the government there will be no necessity for borrowing and issuing bonds to preserve the credit of the country, but against the ruinous policy which has made this necessary. It is but an incident, and a necessary one, to the policy which has been inaugurated. The complaint of the people is not against the administration for borrowing and issuing bonds to preserve the credit of the country, but against the ruinous policy which has made this necessary. It is but an incident, and a necessary one, to the policy which has been inaugurated. The complaint of the people is not against the administration for borrowing and issuing bonds to preserve the credit of the country, but against the ruinous policy which has made this necessary. 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One of the finest school catalogues issued in the world—and it will surprise you it is Godley's, describing his famous Commercial and Shorthand College in Wilmington. Just write for it.

Rev. Francis H. Moore is the owner of a handsome new bicycle a gift from his brother this Sunday. Rev. I. L. Wood is already a skillful rider and when the Rector gets a wheel Middletown will have a wheel churning, a trio of clerical cyclists.

A driving party in three handsome turnouts from Newark, visited Middletown on Monday afternoon. After supper at the National hotel, they made a brief visit at Mrs. Elias Green's next town, her son Dr. Cecil Green being a member of the party.

Middletown will celebrate the "Fourth" in Dover to-day. The Diamond State Band, the Volunteer Hose Company and a goodly number of the citizens will attend. There will be a grand street parade here at 8 o'clock this morning, by the band in their new uniforms of buff and red, the hand-some band suits ever worn here.

—Dr. J. V. Wallace, of Chesapeake City, discovered a woman in a dying condition in a clump of bushes near there on last Friday. She was taken to a house near by and died soon after. A man who was with her was also taken suddenly ill and was removed to the Elton jail. The woman and man had both been drinking poisonous wood alcohol to which her death is attributed. Her name was Mary Connelly and she was on her way to Middletown seeking her husband whom she thought was at work in this neighborhood. The man who was with her was a regular tramp having fallen in with her the day before.

The dance given at Augustine Pier last night by the young men of Middletown and Delaware City was attended by a goodly number of pleasure seekers from this and surrounding towns. The patrollers were Mrs. Clarence Pool, Mrs. Boyd R. Cleaver and Mrs. Howard A. Pool. Among those present were Misses Agnes and Maria Lockwood, Edith Derrickson, Allie Coekeen and guests, Blanche and Ada Coekeen, Daisy and Helen Naudain, Mabel Pease, Mary Barnard, Edith Reynolds and friends, Messrs. Wm. G. Lockwood, John C. Kelley, Wm. Brady, Leo Evans, Harry Brad, Louis Naudain, R. E. Vaughan and W. F. Metten, all of whom were in attendance.

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There is quite an amount collectable on the tax duplicate for 1865 and something for 1864, but collections are slow.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news send us the news. If you are a member of a club, you may be pleased to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local interest. Please kindly invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.

—Miss Helen Smith is visiting in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. George Hopkins has returned from Ocean Grove.

—Mrs. E. W. Purnell is visiting friends in Elkton, Md.

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—Prof. Geo. M. Outten, of Philadelphia, was in town yesterday.

—Miss Susie Parker is visiting school friends at Westminster, Md.

—Miss S. A. Harper is spending the "Fourth" in Philadelphia.

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—Miss Alice Mills, of Clayton, is the guest of Miss Edith Reynolds.

—Mrs. Sarah Lynch visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Merritt.

—Miss Sadie Burgess, of Still Pond, Md., is visiting Mrs. J. C. Alston near town.

—Miss Ada Lockwood spent several days with her Middletown friends.

—Miss Lizzie Hanson, of New York City, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Chamberlain.

—Mrs. Vaughan Smith, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Cox this week.

—Miss Mary Price, with her little niece and nephew, was in Wilmington on Thursday.

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—Mrs. George W. Stephen and baby boy, of Philadelphia, are visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. W. Lockwood. Mrs. Stephen has been very ill and is recuperating in the social hour, which was followed by refreshments. Mr. Cavender received many compliments and congratulations upon being 81 years young, having good health and spirit and with such pleasant and comfortable surroundings, a beautiful type of the calm and serene evening hour of a well spent life.

—Miss Gussie Dunning, who has been extremely ill for the past month, went to Philadelphia on Tuesday and is at the Methodist Hospital there where she is having the most skillful and careful treatment. She was accompanied by Mrs. V. W. Maysey, Rev. L. Wood and Dr. Horace Vaughan, and stood the journey very comfortably, suffering but little fatigue from it. Her friends are very hopeful that the benefits she receives will result in her restoration. The hospital which is new, having only come into existence in recent years, is a beautiful brown stone building, delightfully located and has every advantage as to equipment, etc. The writer, having visited it while a friend was a shut-in there, had an opportunity to learn something of its management. The family atmosphere that pervaded the place was one of the most pleasing characteristics, and friendly interest manifested by the attendants, Superintendent, Nurses and Physicians, and the many little attentions shown the patients were most gratifying to those who had to leave their dear ones to ministeration the others.

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